COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the— *15th of February 1933.*
4th of Kumbham 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. Mohamed Seethi, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and Mrs. Swaris were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Head Accountants of Cochin-Kanayannur and Trichur Treasuries.

241. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of Head Accountants of Cochin-Kanayannur and Trichur Treasuries;

(b) what are their qualifications;

(c) when were they appointed to these posts;

(d) were there not clerks with State Account Test qualification to fill up these places?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Cochin-Kanayannur T. A. Venkitasubba Ayyar.
Trichur C. R. Krishna Ayyar.

(b) Venkitasubba Ayyar.—Matric and British Account Test (Lower).
Krishna Ayyar.—Matric, Revenue Test and British Account Test (Lower).

(c) T. A. Venkitasubba Ayyar was confirmed as Head Accountant on 2—9—07 and C. R. Krishna Ayyar on 22—9—07.

(d) Yes; but the above named officers were the senior most hands on Rs. 25—40 with the requisite qualification for appointment as Head Accountants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what are the special Test qualifications that a man has to pass for holding the post of the Head Accountant in the State?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—General educational qualification and Account test.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has Mr. Venkitasubba Ayyar passed the State Account Test?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—He has not passed the State Account Test, but he has passed the

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Madras Account Test which the Government have ordered as equivalent to the State Account Test.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When has the Government ordered like that?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think a question on that has been answered. I don't exactly remember the date.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I get that information now so that this question may be better understood?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not got the file here.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there not a Government Proceedings in 1087 or so to the effect that those who have passed the British Account Test (Lower) need not pass Account Code Vol. I of the State Account Test? Is that still in vogue?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is not now in vogue. Government have ordered that the British Account Test is equivalent to the State Account Test. This appointment was made after that order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what are the papers for the State Account Test?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Cochin Service Regulations, Account Code Volumes I and II and Account portions of P. W. D. Forest and Tramway Codes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I also know what it is that induced the Government, when once there was a rule that those who have passed the British Account Test need not pass the Account Code Vol. I of this State, to pass such a Proceedings, seeing that our Account Test contains so many other papers?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The British Account Test also contains the British Civil Service Regulations, Fundamental Rules and allied subjects. It is equivalent to the Cochin Test. The British Account Test, I speak only from memory, consists of Account Code Vol. I and a lot of other information is contained in it—a large number of subjects—and the British Service Regulation. This Test is therefore at least equal to the Cochin Test, if not superior.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was that correction slip issued by the Government at the instance of the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes; the Diwan Peishkar did recommend and the Government accepted his recommendation.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is this gentleman a Cochinite or a Britisher?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A Cochinite.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Which place?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—He joined service before I came here. He was entertained by Sir V. T. Krishnamachari. He was here body and soul when I came here.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said that Mr. Venkitasubba Ayyar was confirmed on 2nd Medam 1107. The question is when he was appointed.

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Confirmation also is appointment. If the Hon'ble Member wants the date of this acting appointment also, I can find it out.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether he was appointed before the Government amended the rules?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the special reason?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The appointment was made by my predecessor. They were exempted temporarily for two years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I believe it is the Government who appointed the individual.

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is an appointment vesting with the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Why did he appoint a man who had no qualifications?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—On account of seniority. He was appointed before your humble servant was holding the post of the Diwan Peishkar. He was appointed by Sir V. T. Krishnamachari and not by me.

Choondal Panchayat—Water supply.

242. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any steps have been taken to improve the tank in the vicinity of Koonamoochi bazaar this year;

(b) if not, cannot some saving be found to do it in this summer as the necessity is great;

(c) will not the rock blasting in a well in Keecheri provided for in the said Panchayat budget for 1108, injure the masonry work of the well?

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